

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.



Application Number	09/851,946
Filing Date	May 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	OKUBO, Masao et al.
Group Art Unit	2829
Name of Examiner	Jimmy Nguyen
Agent Docket No.	010609

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340

- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$580.00 is enclosed. \$375.00 filing fe and \$205.00 Ext nsi n of Tim fee.

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Signature  Date **September 9, 2003**

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In re the Application of: **OKUBO, Masao et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2829**

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Examiner: **Jimmy Nguyen**

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 9, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 9, 2003**, extended to **September 9, 2003**, by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: